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October Crop Production

North Dakota

Corn for grain production is forecast at 255 million bushels, the same as the September forecast but up 27 percent from 2009, according to the USDA, NASS, North Dakota Field Office. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average a record high 140 bushels per harvested acre, the same as the September forecast but up 25 bushels from 2009. Area to be harvested is estimated at 1.82 million acres, up 5 percent from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 150 million bushels, up 8 percent from the September forecast and 29 percent from last year. If realized, this will surpass 2006's record high production of 122 million bushels. Yields are expected to average a record high 37.0 bushels per harvested acre, unchanged from September but up 7.0 bushels from 2009. Area to be harvested is estimated at 4.05 million acres, up from the previous record high 3.87 million acres set in 2006 and 2009.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 12.3 million hundredweight (cwt), up 44 percent from last year. Yield is forecast 1,610 pounds per harvested acre, up from 1,470 pounds last year. Area for harvest is expected to be 765,000 acres, up 32 percent from last year.

All Sunflower (oil and non-oil) production is forecast at 1.41 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 2009. The average yield for all sunflower is forecast at 1,638 pounds per harvested acre, up from 1,518 pounds last year. If realized, this would be a record high yield. Area for harvest is 862,000 acres, down 1 percent from 2009.

Canola production is forecast at 2.28 billion pounds, up 71 percent from 2009. If realized, the yield would be 1,810 pounds per acre, down from 1,840 pounds last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 1.26 million acres, up 74 percent from 2009.

Planted acreage estimates for selected crops were updated based on a review of administrative data.

All corn planted acres were unchanged. **Soybean** planted acreage increased to 4.10 million acres from 3.80 million in June. **All dry edible bean** planted acres increased to 800,000 from 700,000 in August. **All sunflower** planted acres increased to 885,000 from 865,000 in June. This includes a 20,000 acre increase in **non-oil sunflower** to 185,000 acres. **Canola** planted acreage decreased 70,000 acres from June to 1.28 million acres. Harvested acreages were also updated to reflect the adjustments made to the planted acres.

United States

Corn production is forecast at 12.7 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the September forecast and down 3 percent from last year's record production of 13.1 billion bushels. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 155.8 bushels per acre, down 6.7 bushels from the previous month and 8.9 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.3 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the September forecast. Acreage updates were made in several States based on administrative data.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.41 billion bushels, down 2 percent from September but 1 percent above last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 44.4 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month but up 0.4 bushel from last year. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 76.8 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous estimate but up 1 percent from 2009. Acreage updates were made in several States based on administrative data.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 32.6 million cwt for 2010, up 6 percent from the August 1 forecast. Planted area is forecast at 1.90 million acres, up 7 percent from the August 1 forecast. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,783 pounds per acre, a decrease of 15 pounds from the August 1 forecast. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record. Harvested area is forecast at 1.83 million acres, 7 percent above the August 1 forecast.

Sunflower production forecast for 2010 is 2.91 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2009. Area planted, at 1.95 million acres, is down 7 percent from the June estimate and down 4 percent from last year. The October yield forecast, at 1,552 pounds per acre, is 2 pounds lower than last year's record high yield. Sunflower growers expect to harvest 1.87 million acres, down 7 percent from June and down 4 percent from the 2009 acreage.

Canola production forecast for 2010 is 2.53 billion pounds, up 72 percent from 2009. Area planted, at 1.45 million acres, is down 5 percent from the June estimate but up 75 percent from last year. The October yield forecast, at 1,786 pounds per acre, is 25 pounds below last year's yield. If realized, this will be the second highest yield for the U.S. on record. Canola farmers expect to harvest 1.42 million acres, down 5 percent from June but up 74 percent from 2009.

Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested
North Dakota and United States, 2009 and Forecasted October 1, 2010 ¹

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Barley	1,210	720	1,130	675	3,567	2,872	3,113	2,471
Corn for Grain ²	1,950	2,050	1,740	1,820	86,482	88,222	79,590	81,263
Corn for Silage			170				5,605	
Hay, All			2,960	2,700			59,755	59,656
Alfalfa			1,780	1,600			21,227	20,732
All Other			1,180	1,100			38,528	38,924
Oats	350	280	165	110	3,404	3,138	1,379	1,268
Rye ³					1,241	1,211	252	265
Wheat, All	8,680	8,530	8,415	8,400	59,168	53,603	49,893	47,657
Winter	580	330	545	320	43,346	37,335	34,510	31,749
Durum	1,650	1,800	1,570	1,780	2,554	2,570	2,428	2,529
Spring	6,450	6,400	6,300	6,300	13,268	13,698	12,955	13,379
Canola	730	1,280	725	1,260	827.0	1,448.8	814.0	1,418.2
Flaxseed	295	390	293	385	317	410	314	405
Mustard Seed ³					51.5	52.0	49.8	49.1
Safflower ⁴		23.0		21.5	175.0	183.5	165.5	175.0
Soybeans	3,900	4,100	3,870	4,050	77,451	77,714	76,372	76,823
Sunflower, All	885	885	868	862	2,030.0	1,952.5	1,953.5	1,872.8
Oil	770	700	760	685	1,698.0	1,465.0	1,653.0	1,414.5
Non-oil	115	185	108	177	332.0	487.5	300.5	458.3
Sugarbeets	225	228	218	208	1,185.8	1,186.5	1,148.6	1,124.5
Dry Edible Beans, All	610	800	580	765	1,537.5	1,900.0	1,463.0	1,829.3
Dry Edible Peas	490	490	480	480	863.3	869.0	837.9	842.9
Lentils	165	240	164	235	415	655	407	639
Fall Potatoes, All	83	90	75	84	936.7	896.1	917.2	882.3

¹ Data are latest estimates available. ² Area planted for all purposes. ³ Published at U.S. level only. ⁴ Beginning in 2010, ND published individually.

Crop Summary: Yield and Production
North Dakota and United States, 2009 and Forecasted October 1, 2010 ¹

Crop	Unit	North Dakota					United States				
		Yield			Production		Yield			Production	
		2009	2010		2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
			Sept 1	Oct 1				Sept 1	Oct 1		
					1,000	1,000				1,000	1,000
Barley ²	Bu	70.0		65.0	79,100	43,875	73.0		73.6	227,323	181,884
Corn for Grain	Bu	115	140	140	200,100	254,800	164.7	162.5	155.8	13,110,062	12,663,949
Corn for Silage	Tons	12.0			2,040		19.3			108,209	
Hay, All	Tons	1.77		2.31	5,240	6,250	2.47		2.55	147,442	152,278
Alfalfa	Tons	1.85		2.60	3,293	4,160	3.35		3.44	71,030	71,326
All Other	Tons	1.65		1.90	1,947	2,090	1.98		2.08	76,412	80,952
Oats ²	Bu	68.0		63.0	11,220	6,930	67.5		64.6	93,081	81,855
Rye ^{2,3}	Bu						27.8		28.0	6,993	7,431
Wheat, All ²	Bu	44.8		44.6	377,190	374,560	44.5		46.7	2,218,061	2,223,523
Winter ²	Bu	48.0		55.0	26,160	17,600	44.2		46.8	1,524,608	1,485,236
Durum ²	Bu	39.0		39.5	61,230	70,310	44.9		44.0	109,042	111,350
Spring ²	Bu	46.0		45.5	289,800	286,650	45.1		46.9	584,411	626,937
Canola	Lbs	1,840		1,810	1,334,000	2,280,600	1,811		1,786	1,474,130	2,533,550
Flaxseed	Bu	24.0			7,032		23.6			7,423	
Mustard Seed ³	Lbs						991			49,364	
Safflower ⁴	Lbs						1,462			241,970	
Soybeans	Bu	30.0	37.0	37.0	116,100	149,850	44.0	44.7	44.4	3,359,011	3,408,211
Sunflower, All	Lbs	1,518		1,638	1,317,200	1,412,300	1,554		1,552	3,036,460	2,905,830
Oil	Lbs	1,520			1,155,200		1,563			2,584,010	
Non-oil	Lbs	1,500			162,000		1,506			452,450	
Sugarbeets	Tons	22.0	28.0	29.5	4,796	6,136	25.7	28.9	29.6	29,563	33,256
Dry Edible Beans, All ⁵	Cwt	1,470		1,610	8,526	12,317	1,733		1,783	25,360	32,615
Dry Edible Peas ⁵	Cwt	2,400			11,520		2,045			17,137	
Lentils ⁵	Cwt	1,560			2,558		1,440			5,859	
Fall Potatoes, All	Cwt	255			19,125		429			393,544	

¹ Data are latest estimates available. ² Estimates carried forward from September Small Grains Summary. ³ Published at U.S. level only. ⁴ Beginning in 2010, ND published individually. ⁵ Yield in pounds.